

SEVERALL
LETTERS

SENT

From His Excellency

Sir *THOMAS FAIRFAX*,

AND

The Officers of the Army.

TO THE

Right Honorable the Lord Major,

Aldermen, and Commons of the City

of LONDON, in Common-Councell

ASSEMBLED.

With their Answer to the said Letters.

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FOR THE
RIGHT HONORABLE
 THE
 Lord Major, Aldermen, and Com-
 mon-Councell of the City of
 L O N D O N.

Right Honorable,



WE received yours of the Eighteenth of this instant, whereof, though all passages were not so answerable to our expectation as we hoped, yet we apprehend the same good affection in you towards this Army, as was expressed in your former Letter: And that not onely from the assurance of the worthy Gentlemen, (your Commissioners) again sent to us; but also from that information we have received of your extraordinary endeavors to procure Money for the Army: To prevent further raising or listing of Souldiers, and to procure those already Lifted to be disbanded, (some Persons of your *Militia* onely, having been active for the raising of

them without your privity:) As likewise from that Letter (fill'd with respect) which you prepared and intended to us; and being sent to the Parliament, was obstructed by some Persons, who (labouring to imbroyle the Kingdome in a new War) would not have the Forces already raised to be disbanded, who excepted against your discovery to the Houle, That some Persons onely of the *Militia* had joyned in the raising of the new Forces, who also would prevent a right understanding between your City and this Army, knowing a firm correspondence between them, would make the Designs of all such men hopelesse. And though our taking notice of these things seemes not regular, yet being so publicquely done, we thought fit to minde you of them.

Now although we have confidence of the reall and cleare intentions of your Lordship, the Aldermen, and the Commons of your City to promote the Peace of this Kingdome, and the just desires of this Army; Also to prevent all tendencies to a new War, or any further Blood, and therefore hold our selves obliged to yeeld all possible compliyanse to what you desire of us; yet adding to the former Grounds, the many Informations which daily come to us of the continued underhand workings of some Persons still to List men, that divers Agents are sent into severall parts of the Kingdome to levie Forces, and *Worcester* the place appointed for a generall Rendezvouz, whither the Forces designed for *Ireland*, (that were part of this Army) are by some of the Committee at *Derby-house* ordered to March: And severall of those Companies who went out from us for the service of *Ireland*, having

ving it intimated to them, and by divers carriages perceiving they were intended a foundation for a new Army, and a new Warre, they so much abhorred the thoughts of it, as both the Officers and Souldiers of divers Companies, are of late entirely returned to us: Likewise, that no meanes is left unattempted to bring in Forces from *Ireland, France, and Scotland* against the Peace of this poore Kingdome.

We (upon the whole matter) offer to yours, and all mens considerations, whether with yours, ours, or the publique Safety we can remove further backward, untill upon yours, and our joint indeavours with the Parliament, those things of immediate, and preffing necessitie be provided for, which we desired in our paper last given in to the Parliaments Commissioners in order to the better proceeding upon the Heads of the Representation and charge, with more hopes of safety, and of a timely and happy issue to our selves, and the Kingdome, (*viz.*) That the Persons impeached by us, may not continue in power and capacity to obstruct due proceedings against themselves: And for their own escape from Justice to threaten ruine to the whole Nation.

That all Forces lately Raised or Listed in, or about the City, may be forthwith discharged, except the usuall number of Trained Bands and Auxiliaries, and that all endeavours publicquely or privately to raise any further Forces may cease and be supprest.

And that the same measure may bee allowed to this Army, in paying them up to the same Foot of accompt, as is already given to those who have deserted the same.

And for the things exprest in our Representation though of weighty importance, yet because they will require time, they shall be no occasion to impede our remove, and in the meane time both by Proclamation from his Excellency, and all other wayes we shall endeavour, That the accustomed supplies to your City, may be freely sent up.

To conclude, we say from our hearts, That as our especiall ends are the glory of God, and the good of this whole Land, so our endeavours shall be to prosecute the same without prejudice to the being or well-being of Parliament in generall, (the maintenance whercof we value above our own lives) or (as we have formerly said) of this Parliament in particular, but altogether in order to the good and peace of this Nation, and with a most tender regard to your City, to which we professe we shall by all actions make good all engagements tending to the security thereof, in what way your selves shall desire, consisting with the good of the whole Kingdome, you making good your mutuall correspondency with us, not doing any thing to our prejudice in the prosecution of our just desires and endeavours.

St. Albans, June 21.

1647.

WE heare (even now) since the writing of this Letter, that (yesterday) divers of the Reformation came again (in a threatening manner) to *Westminster*, the House of Commons then sitting, to the great affright-

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affrightment and terroure of divers faithfull Members then present, and to discouragement of others from their attendance there; so that we cannot but perceive that the freedome of this Parliament is no better than that those Members (who shall according to their consciences endeavour to prevent a second Warre, and act contrary to their wayes, who (for their own preservation) intend it, they) must do it with the hazzard of their lives; which indeed is a thing so destructive to Parliaments, and Freedome, that we conceive ourselves in duty bound to endeavour to the utmost to procure redresse therein.

June 22. 1647.

*By the appointment of his Excellency
Sir THOMAS FAIRFAX
and the Councell of Warre.*

Jo. Rushworth,
Secretary.

For



*For the Right Honourable the Lord
Major, Aldermen, and Common-Councell
of the City of*
LONDON.

My Lord and Gent.

WEE have in all things dealt clearly and plainly with you, and hope wee shall continue still to doe so. As soon as the worthy Alderman, and the other two Gent. your Commissioners came the last night to us; wee acquainted them with our purpose to draw the Head-Quarter to *Uxbridge*, that so mee might contract our Quarters which have hitherto lien scattered: at which place we hope to receive that which will be satisfaction to the Kingdome, and will remove obstructions out of the way of Justice; wherein if right were done, wee should let you and all the world see, that we would be so farre from pressing neer your City of *London*, it should be indifferent to us to march not onely to the distance already prescribed, but to any part of the Kingdome we should be commanded to by the Parliament; we have asked nothing hitherto but right in the things that are knowne, as if they were proved an hundred

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dred times before them from whom wee have sought them, which if granted would not onely be a Justice to the Army, but would let the Kingdome see the Fountaine in a way to be cleared, without which nothing of force or power would be a security to any man. We wish the name of priviledges may not lie in the ballance with the safety of a Kingdome, and the realitie of doing Justice, which as we have said too often we cannot expect whilst the persons we have accused are the Kingdomes and our Judges; A little delay will indanger the putting the Kingdome into bloud, notwithstanding what hath bin said, if it be considered that in *Wales* (besides under-hand-workings in your City) and other places, men are raised, and that in no smal numbers. And are not those men in the Parliament who have continued faithfull to the principles of common interest from the beginning of the Parliament to this very day, still awed by the concourse of Reformed Officers and others to their doores? Expence of time will be their advantage only who intend to bring evill purposes to passe: we have written this to you for your satisfaction, that so nothing may be done without giving you a perfect account of our intentions and ends; And still to continue our assurance to you, That should necessity bring us nearer to the City, our former Faith given you shall be observed inviolably, there being nothing more (next the good of the Kingdome) in our thoughts and desires, then the prosperity of your City.

Barkhamstead,
June 25. 1647.

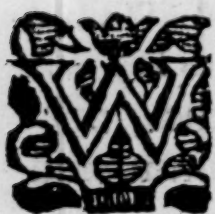
*By the appointment of his Excellency Sir
Thomas Fairfax, and the Councell of
Warre. Signed;*

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Jo. Rushworth.

For his Excellency Sir *Tbo. Fairfax*,
 Knight Generall of the Forces raised
 by the Parliament, and his Ho-
 norable Councell of War.

May it please your Excellencie, and the
 honorable Councell of War.



*Et the Major, Aldermen, and Commons in Com-
 mon-Councell assembled, having received yours
 to us of the 21. and 22. and your Excellencies
 to our Committee of the 23. instant; with a
 Copy of a Remonstrance directed to the Parliament; did
 send thre of that number yesterday to acquaint you with
 our resolutions thereupon, since which wee have caused Co-
 pies of those Letters to be presented to both Houses, desiring
 their direction concerning the residing of some of that
 Committee continually with you in the head-Quarter; and
 that according to our former requests the Reformadoes and
 other Officers and Souldiers raised for the service of the
 Parliament, might be required forthwith to repaire into their
 severall Counties, there to receive such satisfaction as is or
 shall be appointed by Parliament; and that if any Souldiers
 be listed upon the Votes of the Committee of Lords and Com-
 mons, and Committee of the Militia, that they may be forth-
 with discharged. Whereupon severall Votes were made, unto
 which wee desire to be referred.*

*Wee have also taken those Letters (with another re-
 ceived from those wee sent yesterday, and a Copie of a
 Letter dated the 24. instant, delivered to the Commissioners
 of Parliament, and yours of the 25. instant) into further
 consideration, thereby observing the constancie of your ex-
 pressions,*

pressions, to doe nothing in prejudice either of the Parliament or City, and of your purpose by Proclamation, and otherwise, to endeavour that the accustomed supplies of this City may be freely sent up; all which wee doe with all due thankfulness acknowledge, and to preserve a right understanding with you, wee have appointed the said Committee, or six of them at the least, continually to reside in your head-Quarter, and do intend to make it our request to the Parliament, that who ever have or shall endeavour to raise any forces to ingage this Kingdome in a new Warre, may be discovered and prevented therein; and that you may receive satisfaction equall to those that have left the Army, so soone as it is possible for the Parliament to performe the same; relying upon the assurance you have given us, that your speciall ends are the glory of God, the good of this whole land, and the safety of Parliament and City. To conclude, the neere approach of your Army to this City, causeth us once more to desire you to take it into your most serious consideration; for albeit you doe not come to offer any violence to us, yet wee have and shall suffer very much in our trade and price of Victualls by reason thereof, which wee hope you will bee so sensible of, as to prevent it in the future, by removing further off, and by taking such a course that wee may receive no further prejudice either in the one or the other, which is our earnest desire, and that in your endeavours to save the kingdome from ruine, you doe not overthrow the fundamentall constitution of Parliament, which is essentiall to the well-being thereof.

London 25.
June, 1647.

By command of the Major, Aldermen,
and Commons of the City of London,
in Common-Councell assembled.

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To the Right Honourable the Lord Major,
Aldermen and Common-Councill of the
City of L O N D O N.

IT was last night resolved by the Generall and Councill of War, for present not to Advance any of the Army nearer London; but whereas the Foot (being all quartered then at Watford, Uxbridge, and Colebrook were very troublesome and burthensome to those places, It was onely Ordered, That the quarters of the Foot should be enlarged for the ease of those places; whereupon (by a mistake of that Resolution in the setting out of quarters) some Regiments had quarters assigned for enlargement at places lying much forwarder towards London, as far as Harrow on the Hill, Hayes, Cranford, Harlington, Bedfont, Feltham and Hanworth; This morning, so soon as this was understood by the Generall and the Officers, there were Orders immediately sent out to stop the Regiments, and now none quartered nearer London then Watford, Rissip, Ikeham, Hellindon, Cowley, Drayton, Hamsworth, Stanwel and Stanes, which make a line about fifteen or sixteen miles distance from London: And to avoid any disquieting to the Parliament or City upon future apprehensions, His Excellency and His Officers do promise, That there shall be no farther Advance, either of the Army, or any quarters of it, any nearer to London, without timely notice thereof, and of the Reasons of it, to the Parliament and City.

Uxbridge,
June, 26. 1647.

By the appointment of his Excellency Sir Thomas Fairfax,
and the Councill of War.

John Rushworth.

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